(c) whether any time frame has been fixed for setting up of such units in India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Occupation of 150 km. of Peer Panjal Mountain Range by Pakistan Terrorists

1799. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the news which appeared in the vernacular daily 'Samana' dated the 4th February, 2002 that 300 Pakistan terrorist has occupied 150 kilometers Indian Territory by trespassing into Peer Panjal Mountain Range is correct;

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to take back this land; and

(c) details of security arrangements Government have made on such border lines?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The news-item appeared in the vernacular daily 'Samana' dated the 4th February, 2002 on the subject is not factually correct. Government has received no reports on the existence of Sangars and such like fortifications occupied by terrorists on the Peer Panjal Range.

(c) Army has instituted a comprehensive surveillance system and adopted a suitable defensive posture to ensure security of our borders and the Line of Control.